



Cumberland-Salem Conservation District
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Meeting Minutes - October 24, 2023

Mike Bonham Ralph Sickler Maury Sheets
Henry Dubois Ron Thomas Tom Tedesco
Michelle Pedano

Chairman Ron Thomas opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m. Due notice by order of the "Sunshine Law" was given and noted.

Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the May meeting were approved as written. Motion made by Henry and seconded by Ralph. Passed.

Financial Report

Mike reviewed the financial report and noted that the District's net income from May 16, 2023 through October 15, 2023 was \$78,296.54. Chapter 251 revenue was \$135,730.00. Motion to approve the financial reports made by Henry and seconded by Tom. Passed

251 Report

Mike reviewed the 251 report. The City of Vineland remains active with commercial and residential projects. In addition Carney's Point Township remains active with commercial warehouse projects. The District issued a stop work order for a project in Stow Creek for earth disturbance without an approved plan. Motion to approve the report made by Maury and seconded by Henry. Passed.

NRCS - Cumberland & Salem Field Offices

Michelle presented Cumberland & Salem NRCS field office reports. Several conservation agreements, conservation plans and state cost share applications were presented for approval. For 2024 NRCS cooperators will be able to sign up for cover crop, no-till and reduced tillage on agricultural lands previously contracted. EQIP signup will be extended through 11/26/2023 for the current contracting period. Motion to approve the NRCS action items made by Ralph and seconded by Henry. Passed.

Staffing/Workload

Mike updated the Board on the current workload of soil erosion and sediment control submittals and inspections. Residential and commercial projects submittals have been at higher levels than in previous years. The size of the projects, particularly with the commercial warehouse projects has also increased. Mike will work with the neighboring Districts to review the job descriptions for new staff.

Annual Conference

The annual conference will be held at the Rutgers EcoComplex in Bordentown on November 20, 2023.

District Accounts

Mike updated the Board regarding the District accounts. The existing District operating account and payroll account were closed due to an attempt of unauthorized activity. New operating and payroll accounts were opened at Century Bank.

District Audit

Nightlinger Colavita and Volpa have begun work on the FY2023 District audit and the audit should be completed in November.

Being no further open session business, the open portion of the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m. Motion made by Henry and seconded by Ralph. Passed.